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FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGE FILED AGAINST SAN CARLOS WOMAN FOR THE DEATH OF HER SON

PHOENIX, ARIZ. -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announces today that Rachael Kimberline Jones Daugherty, DOB 5/16/1975, from San Carlos, Arizona, a member of the San Carlos Apache Indian Tribe was charged by criminal complaint with first degree murder in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section(s) 1111 and 1153. A conviction for Title 18, United States Code, Section(s) 1111 and 1153 carries a maximum penalty of life in prison, a \$250,000 fine or both.

The complaint alleges that on May 22, 2004, at approximately 9:05 a.m., the San Carlos Tribal Police Department Dispatch received a telephone call, reporting a woman had put a young boy under a Mesquite tree northeast of Old Moonbase Housing and then left the area. The caller reported the child was bloody. When the San Carlos Tribal Police Officer arrived at this location, three teenage boys directed the officer to the location of the child. The officer observed a bloody young boy lying on his back under the branches of a Mesquite tree. The officer checked for a

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pulse, but could not locate any signs of life. The child was pronounced dead. The boy appeared to be of Native American and African American heritage and was dressed in a light blue short sleeved shirt and blue trunks. Under the boy's shirt, there was a black and silver handled knife.

A criminal complaint is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The preliminary hearing/detention hearing are scheduled for 11:30am on Thursday May 27, 2004, before Magistrate Judge Duncan.

The investigation preceding the criminal complaint was conducted by Special Agents with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The prosecution is being handled by Ann B. Scheel, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Ariz.

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